

Self-righteous Service vs True Services

	Self-Righteous Service	True Service
Basis of Service	Comes from human effort: Great effort in calculating how to render services – devising schemes to “help those people”. Service without God.	Comes from relationship with God: Serve out of divine whispered prompting and urgings. Service with God.
Significance of Service	Focus on “big deal” to impress others; enjoy “titanic” services.	Welcome all opportunities to serve -- Impossible to distinguish small from big service. Often drawn to small service out of genuine recognition as more important – Standing in gaps.
Expectation of Rewards	Require external rewards: need others to see and appreciate the effort; Secretly seeking human applause.	Rest & content in hiddenness: Doesn't seek any attention, but doesn't fear flaring ones either. Divine nod of approval is completely sufficient.
Concerns for “Returns”	Eagerly awaits other to return the favor; become bitter when the results are not as “satisfactory” as expected.	Free of calculating the results: Delights only in service; serving enemy as freely as friends.
Targets of Service	Picks and chooses whom to serve: Often to gain advantage from serving “high” position, or to ensure a humble image from serving lowlies.	Hears Jesus' command -- “Servant of all”. Obey the simply command of God.
Motivation of Service	By moods: Servie only when there is a “feeling” to serve. Service controlled by daily changes of moods.	By recognition of needs: Knowing “feeling” often hinder service. Let service disciplines the feeling, not vise versa.
Persistence of Service	Temporary task based: Service performed to complete tasks.	Life style: ingrained pattern of living. Spontaneously meeting other's needs.
Demanding for Service	Insistence: demanding meeting the needs even when to do so would be destructive; demanding opportunities to serve.	Freedom: Service can be withheld freely as performed. It can listen with tenderness and patience before acting. One can serve by waiting in silence.
End Results	Destructive: center on glory of individual; lead to manipulation and fracture of community;	Constructive: quietly and unpretentiously caring for the needs of others. It draws, binds, heals, and builds.